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TAGS: AFSP: PDIP

SUBJECT: CUSTOMS AND TAX LIABILITIES FOR FOREIGN SERVICE PERSONNEL

REF: STATE 177448

A) FOLLOWING DIFFERENCES EXIST IN CUSTOMS AND DUTY FREE PRIVILEGES AT THIS POST BETWEEN DIPLOMATIC AND NON-DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL;

1) DRIVERS LICENSE: FREE FOR DIPLOMATIC WHILE NON-DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL CHARGED \$10 PER YEAR. UNDER AID AGREEMENT, HOWEVER, ALL USAID PERSONNEL RECEIVE FREE LICENSES;

2) VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES: FREE FOR DIPLOMATIC. NON-DIPLOMATIC PAY \$61 TO \$76 ANNUALLY DEPENDING ON SIZE OF VEHICLE. USIAD PERSONNEL EXEMPT FROM SUCH PAYMENTS.

3) DUTY FREE IMPORTATION OF FOOD, BEVERAGES, EXPENDABLE HOUSEHOLD GOODS: \$500 PER QUARTER FOR DIPLOMATIC AND \$250 PER QUARTER FOR NON-DIPLOMATIC.

4) EXPORT PERMITS FOR PETS: FREE FOR DIPLOMATIC AND \$2.50 EACH PET FOR NON-DIPLOMATIC.

B) GOL HAS BEEN UNRECEPTIVE TO REPRESENTATIONS BY EMBASSY

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SEEKING WAIVER DRIVER AND VEHICLES LICENSE FEES FOR NON-DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL AS WELL AS EQUAL DUTY FREE IMPORTATION ALLOWANCES. WITH EXCEPTION PERSONNEL COVERED BY SPECIAL AID AGREEMENTS, ALL DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR ESTABLISHMENTS AFFORDED EQUAL TREATMENT AND SPECIAL COURTESIES GRANTED DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL ARE BASED UPON GOL INTERPRETATION OF VIENNA CONVENTION.

C) BELIEVE IMPACT OF THE FEW DIFFERENCES ITEMIZED UNDER A IS  
PRIMARILY A FINANCIAL ONE AND FOR THE AVERAGE EMPLOYEE WOULD  
PROBABLY AVERAGE NO MORE THAN \$125 ANNUALLY.  
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